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10.1 PROGRAM BASIS AND PURPOSE

Nursing facility (NF) PreAdmission Screening/Resident Review (PASRR) is federally mandated under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987, Public Law 100-203 (OBRA '87), and Public Law 101-508 (OBRA '90). [42 U.S.C. Sections 1306r(b)(3)(F) and 1306r(e)(F)] Effective January 1, 1989, PASRR is required for all individuals with MI and/or MR/DD who apply to be admitted to a Medicaid-certified NF.

Section 1919(b)(3)(F) of the Social Security Act prohibits a Medicaid certified NF from:

- a) admitting or retaining any individual who has mental illness (MI) and/or mental retardation or a related condition (MR/DD), unless:
- b) the State PASRR program has determined:
 - 1) that the individual, because of his or her physical and mental condition requires the level of services provided by a NF; and
 - 2) if the individual needs a NF level of services, whether the individual needs specialized services (SS) for the MI and/or MR/DD condition; or
 - 3) if the individual needs NF level of care but does not require specialized services, the services of less intensity than specialized services (SS) which the individual will need if admitted to a NF.

For residents who have a condition of MI and/or MR/DD, PASRR reviews and determinations must be repeated when there is a significant change in condition.

10.2 TWO-PART PROGRAM: PAS/PASRR AND RR/PASRR

The PASRR program can be divided into two parts:

- a) PreAdmission Screening (PAS); and
- b) Resident Review (RR).

The basic requirement for Level II assessment is the same for both parts, but the procedures differ.

10.2.1 PAS/PASRR

PreAdmission Screening (PAS) refers to the assessment and determination required PRIOR to NF admission or, if approved for a temporary admission, completed within specific time frames following admission.

To meet this requirement and avoid duplication, Indiana incorporates Indiana's PreAdmission Screening (IPAS) program into the PASRR process through its Medicaid State Plan. (See Chapters 1 through 9 for IPAS procedures.) Thus, IPAS provides the following functions for the PAS portion of the PASRR:

- a) identification of persons seeking admission to Medicaid certified NFs;
- b) review of and certification of need for Level II Assessment;
- c) written notice to the individual of referral for Level II;
- d) activating mechanism to the CMHC or D&E Team to complete a Level II Assessment;
- e) provision of necessary data to evaluate and determine need for NF level of care including physical status, functional assessment (activities of daily living), alternative services and/or placement;
- f) liaison between NF, family, physician, and other entities as necessary;
- g) review of documentation and recommendation for placement; and
- h) coordinating entity to compile case documents for submission to the State.

In addition, the federal Medicaid Manual Transmittal Number 42, issued in May, 1989 required states to interface the PASRR process with other existing or future NF preadmission screening and resident assessment procedures to the greatest extent possible.

In summary, the IPAS Agency must certify whether there is a need for Level II assessment, make referrals for Level II assessments, assure that documentation submitted to support PAS/PASRR findings is complete and accurate, including necessary signatures, credentials, and dates entered. Each IPAS/PASRR case must be reviewed by the PAS Agency prior to submission for completeness and consistency.

10.2.2 RR/PASRR

Resident Review (RR) is an evaluation which parallels the PAS process for a NF resident who has completed PAS requirements. (See Chapter 14.) RR Level II is required:

- a) following a substantial change in the MI and/or MR/DD condition of any resident; or
- b) yearly for certain residents determined to be MI and/or MR/DD and in need of services.

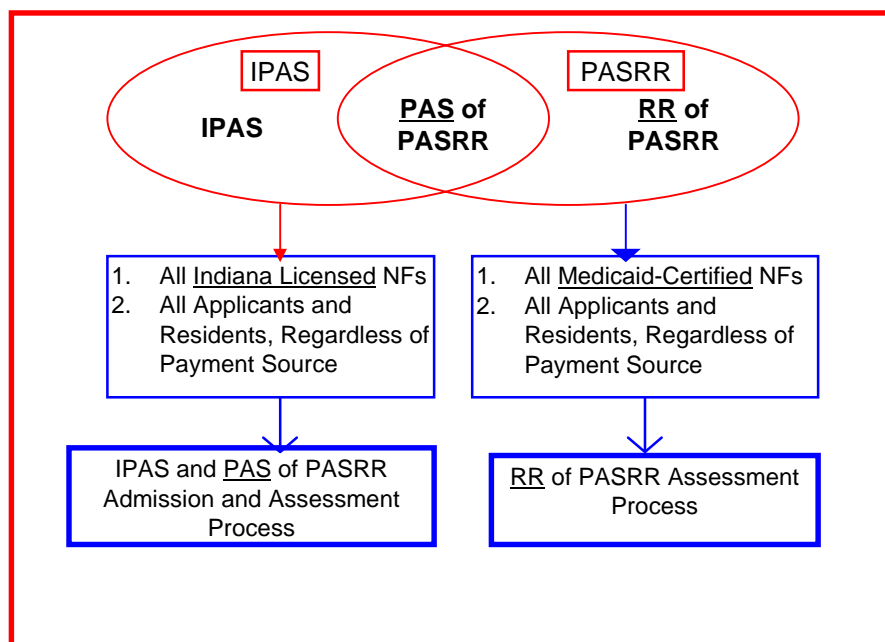
(NOTE: For PASRR purposes, change in condition means a change in the MI and/or MR/DD condition, but does not include changes of the medical condition only.)

An initial RR/PASRR review of all NF residents with MI and/or MR/DD conditions who entered Medicaid-certified NFs prior to January 1, 1989 was required to be completed no later than April 1, 1990. From April 1, 1990 to June 30, 1997, an annual RR Level II was required for all NF residents with MI and/or MR/DD conditions. Effective July 1, 1997, some NF residents:

- a) who had a prior Level II; and
 - b) were determined to have MI and/or MR/DD conditions; but
 - c) are not in need of continued mental health services;
- are exempted from the annual RR requirement. At the time that they have a significant in MI and/or MR/DD condition, they will need to have a new Level II.

NOTE: NF discharge to a community-based or other institutional setting requires that the IPAS and/or PASRR assessment process is completed again for NF admission.

INTERRELATIONSHIP OF IPAS AND PASRR (Chapter 10)



10.3 PASRR PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

In general, PASRR requires:

- all Medicaid-certified NFs to participate;
- all individuals admitted to or residing in a Medicaid-certified NF to participate; and
- participation in IPAS for all new admissions who also need a Level II assessment.

10.3.1 All Medicaid-Certified NFs

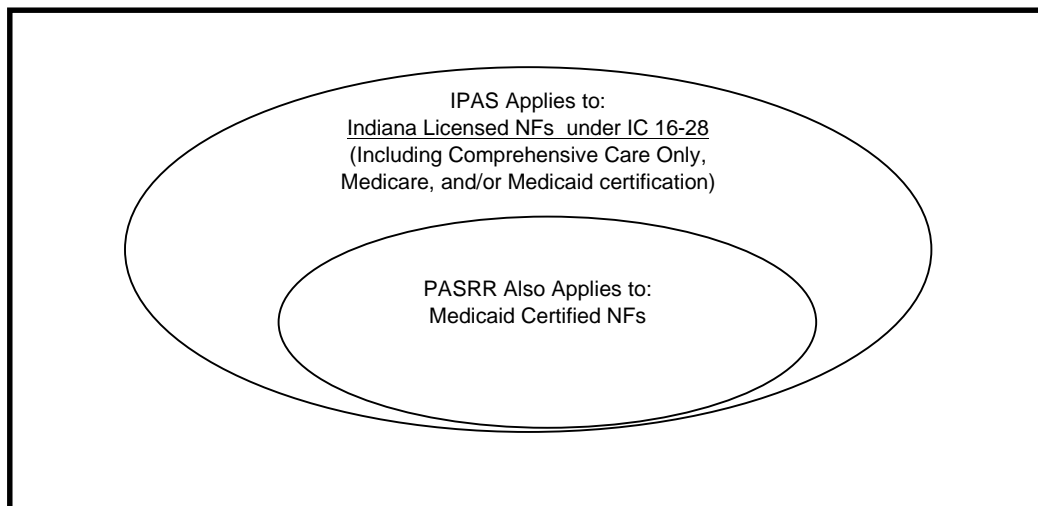
ALL facilities that are Medicaid-certified to provide Medicaid reimbursable NF services are required to participate in the PASRR program, regardless of whether any residents are currently eligible for Medicaid. Every Medicaid-certified NF **MUST** comply with federal PASRR admission requirements, regardless of an individual's intended length of stay or source of payment: Medicare, VA contract, private-pay, insurance Medicaid, or other.

NOTE: Compliance with PASRR requirements is a contract issue of a NF's Medicaid participation agreement. To refuse to comply or ignore requirements is to jeopardize a NF's Medicaid-certification status.

This requirement also extends to:

- a) Medicaid-certified hospital-based Extended Care Facilities (ECFs), Transitional Care Units (TCUs), subacute rehabilitation units; and
- b) any facility or unit holding Medicaid-certification as a nursing facility, regardless of IPAS exemption. (Also see Chapters 2.10, 3.7, and Appendix D.)

NF Participation in IPAS and PASRR (Chapter 10)



10.3.2 All Applicants and Residents

PASRR applies to ALL individuals:

- a) who seek admission to or continued placement in a Medicaid-certified NF;
- b) regardless of income or resources [including those whose care will be reimbursed by Medicaid, Medicare, VA contract, insurance or any other source(s), including private-pay].

For PAS, they are required to complete a PASRR Level I, Identification Screen, and, if indicated, the PASRR Level II assessment. See Chapter 13. (For RR, see Chapter 14.)

Temporary admission requirements differ between the IPAS-Only and PAS/PASRR program requirements. See Chapter 3 for IPAS-Only details.

10.3.3 Cooperation with Level II

Timely and expeditious PASRR assessments and determinations rely on the cooperation of:

- a) the individual, his or her family, guardian, and/or health care representative;
 - b) the physician;
 - c) the NF;
 - d) the hospital, when applicable; and
 - e) any other pertinent entity involved with the PASRR process;
- to provide necessary information and documentation.

The NF must have available:

- a) the charts of ALL NF residents identified as having, or suspected of having, a condition of MI and/or MR/DD;
- b) for review by the IPAS assessors, the Medicaid NF Audit Team auditors, the CMHC (for MI) or the D&E Team (for MR/DD or MR/DD/MI), the State PASRR Unit, OMPP, other federal and state auditors, and other legitimate entities.

The IPAS agency, CMHC, and/or D&E Team assessors are authorized to:

- a) visit with those individuals who require Level II assessments;
- b) examine necessary records and charts;
- c) interview direct care providers; and
- d) complete any necessary testing.

Medicaid providers agree to abide by all applicable federal and state laws and regulations when they execute a provider agreement with the Indiana Medicaid program. Lack of cooperation with the PASRR assessment requirements and process:

- a) is a Medicaid certification matter; and
- b) can result in the withholding of payment for services.

10.3.4 PASRR Must Participate in IPAS

NF applicants to a Medicaid-certified NF who trigger a PASRR Level II assessment MUST participate in Indiana's IPAS program. When PASRR is required, IPAS becomes an integral component of the PASRR assessment as explained in Chapters 1.3 and 10.3. Therefore, an applicant who requires Level II assessment CANNOT REFUSE to participate in IPAS and be admitted under IPAS penalty or continue to reside in any Medicaid-certified NF.

10.3.5 Resident of State Psychiatric Hospital

Regardless of known diagnosis, any individual who:

- a) is a current resident of a state psychiatric hospital (not discharged from the institution); or
- b) is a recently discharged (within the past two years) resident:

must be assessed with a Level II and a determination made PRIOR to NF admission.

This applies to Indiana state psychiatric hospitals as well as those in other states.

NOTE: Do not apply:

- a) the dementia exclusion;
- b) or temporary placement provisions:
 - 1) for PASRR Exempted Hospital Discharge; or
 - 2) PASRR Categorical Determinations for Respite and APS:for residents of state facilities or group homes.

Under the gatekeeper responsibilities of each Indiana CMHC, the gatekeeper CMHC has primary responsibility for completion of the Level II for residents of an Indiana state psychiatric hospital.

When the state hospital is planning to seek NF placement for a patient:

- a) the state psychiatric hospital will notify its gatekeeper CMHC;
- b) the gatekeeper CMHC will work with the hospital to review the patient's potential for placement and to notify the local IPAS agency;
- c) the IPAS agency local to the state psychiatric hospital will conduct the IPAS assessment; and
- d) the gatekeeper CMHC will conduct the PAS/PASRR Level II.

When a gatekeeper CMHC is located at some distance from the state psychiatric hospital in which the individual currently resides, the gatekeeper CMHC has the option to defer assessment to the CMHC serving the locality of the state psychiatric hospital. This may occur because geographic distance makes completion of a Level II impractical and/or cost prohibitive.

10.3.6 Nonresident Applicants

PASRR requirements apply to all nonresident applicants who trigger the PASRR Level II, using guidelines specified in Chapter 3.8 of this Manual. Requests for temporary NF admission will follow Chapter 3.8.3.

- PASRR/MI "Dementia Exclusion" (Chapter 13.4); and
 - PASRR "Exempted Hospital Discharge" exclusion (Chapter 13.5):
- will only be applied AFTER the full IPAS assessment and determination approving NF admission are complete.

PASRR will accept Level II assessments completed by another state:

- a) on the other state's form, as long as federal requirements are met; or
- b) on Indiana's PASRR Level II assessment form.

Upon request, the IPAS agency will provide Indiana's form to the other state, explaining Indiana's requirements.

NOTE: PASRR Level I screens and Level II assessments from other states must meet Indiana's minimal PASRR requirements to be accepted in lieu of Indiana's format. The NF and the IPAS agency should:

- a) thoroughly review any out-of-state documents prior to acceptance; and
- b) when there is a discrepancy with Indiana's requirements which the IPAS agency cannot resolve, consult the PASRR staff at the State PASRR Unit prior to any action.

To avoid duplication, the IPAS agency should:

- a) question each out-of-state applicant concerning possible contacts with other NFs; and
- b) if located in the catchment area of another IPAS agency, coordinate application and assessment processing.

Information should be exchanged to assure consistency of documentation.

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